

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

ADERHOLT, Robert B. (Republican)
Representative, 4th District, Alabama
Elected 1996 to the 105th Congress
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



BACKGROUND

Born: Haleyville, Alabama - 22 July 1965

Home: Haleyville, Alabama

Marital Status: Married (Caroline) - one child

Religion: Congregationalist Christian

Education: Birmingham Southern Univ, BA, 1987; Samford Univ, JD, 1990

Military: None

Profession: Municipal judge; attorney; gubernatorial aide

Political: Republican nominee for Alabama House, 1990. Defeated Bob Wilson Jr with 50% of the vote in the 1996 general election to succeed Rep Tom Bevill (D) who retired. Reelected in 2000 with 61% of the vote and in 2002 with 87%..

Rep Aderholt is a congenial and soft-spoken conservative who believes in fiscal austerity and bringing religious values into the public sector. Has worked to permit public displays of the Ten Commandments. Member of the so-called Helsinki Commission on human rights. Attempts to protect the steel and textile interests of his district. (Politics in America, 2004)

In the 106th Congress, supported the FY00 emergency supplemental approps bill (Kosovo, defense programs); said US military resources have been drained by international peace keeping operations around the world. Criticized China for its human rights abuses, which he said would be a factor in his decision on extending normal trade relations to that nation. Stated that each year he has voted against a Congressional pay raise. In the 107th Congress, voted in favor of ending trade with China. Was invited to watch Space Shuttle Atlantis lift-off from Cape Canaveral; stated that it was estimated that NASA operations in and around Huntsville (Marshall Space Flight Center is in the 5th district) provide a \$767M impact on the state. Expressed his commitment to veterans and suggested that from his position on the VA/HUD Subc, he has a unique opportunity to work for Alabama's veterans. Cosponsored legislation to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag. Issued a press release concerning a 10-day tour of military installations in Southeast Asia; commented on quality of life there, noting that the situation was particularly grim in Korea. Traveled with President Bush aboard Air Force One to a meeting in Alabama. Paid tribute in the Congressional Record to Johnny Michael Spann, CIA officer and first American known to have died in combat in Afghanistan. Helped secure \$2.3M to upgrade a National Guard facility in Gadsden.

Additional: His father is a circuit court judge and his father-in-law is a former state agriculture commissioner who ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1990. Army's Redstone Arsenal is in the adjoining 5th District

Member: Congressional Steel Caucus; Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus

AF Bases: None

COMMITTEES

APPROPRIATIONS -- Subcs on Military Construction (Vice Chairman); Transportation/Treasury; VA/HUD